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After Final Response
Under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 3735

Case CM-1519Q

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

Olaf Erik Alexander Isele, et al. : Confirmation No.: 2485

Serial No.: 09/446,550 : Group Art Unit: 3735

Filed: December 22, 1999 : Examiner: C. L. Anderson

For: DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES WITH CLOTHLIKE FEEL BACKSHEET
HAVING ZONED BREATHABILITY AND PROCESS FOR MAKING SUCH
BACKSHEETS

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
DATED DECEMBER 3, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box AF
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 3, 2002, Applicants hereby submit the following.

INTRODUCTION

Applicants' Agent wishes to thank the Examiner for examining the above-identified Application. Claims 1-14 are pending in the Application, Claims 1-14 have been rejected.

This response fully addresses each and every issue raised in the Office Action dated December 3, 2002. A detailed discussion of each issue is provided in the sections which follow.

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